



UGISA/INGISI Education Committee

To: Indiana GIS Initiative

From: Kevin Miller, IDEM

Date: September 14, 2000, 1:30 pm
IDEM/OLQ Meeting Room C

Re: Meeting Minutes

Present: Kevin Mickey, Jill Saligoe-Simmel (POLIS Center) Lorraine Wright, Irv Goldblatt, Jeff Sewell, Kevin Miller, Patricia White (IDEM) Paul Irwin (Indiana Geological Survey) Mark Ehle, Jane Frankenburger (Purdue University) Kathy Lamb-Kozenski (GENI).

1. Jill reported that she met with UGISA 9/13 and it was discussed that the UGISA mission is very much the same as this Education Committee's (EC), and it was offered that both groups merge. It was discussed and approved that UGISA merge with this committee and the committee be called UGISA/INGISI Education Committee.
2. Jill gave a brief update of INGISI activities, development and the first meeting of the Indiana Geographic Information Council (IGIC) which was established by a proclamation signed by Governor O'Bannon, drafted by an INGISI workgroup, and the Memorandum of Agreement between The Polis Center at IUPUI and IGIC. The MOA recognizes The Polis Center as the staff agency for INGIC.
3. Kevin reported that the state agency GIS task force has interviewed and narrowed the candidate list down for the position of GIS Director, but that the Director has not been named yet, (same situation today, 10/5).
4. It was suggested that the EC have a co-chair that is not from the Indianapolis area to reflect the fact that INGISI is state-wide. Jane Frankenburger volunteered to fill this role. Thank you Jane!
5. The Target identified for the Education Committee is "to identify and prioritize educational objectives of INGISI, including enabling regional users groups, and coordinating with other GIS educational groups." To meet this target, Kevin developed a list of tasks which were opened for discussion. (The target and tasks were distributed before this meeting, and are attached with this document.) It was pointed out that these tasks are very much in keeping with tasks that were

developed by an earlier GIS state-wide committee. Jane provided documents from this earlier committee, and so we are carrying on work that had been started in the past.

6. The EC's focus is to market goals and objectives of INGISI. Toward that end INGISI has a website, www.state.in.us/INGISI and is planning activities for "GIS Day". The INGISI GIS Day event will be at the State Capital building. Kathy asked that if people want to reach out to schools on GIS Day they contact her at GENI. GENI is preparing materials to present in schools, and are looking for volunteers.
7. The task list item: Preparation and Distribution of a Brochure was discussed. This would describe the history, objectives, and activities of INGISI/INGIC. Jill and Kevin volunteered to develop this. (a first meeting for this is planned) Also from the task list is to develop and distribute a "thumbnail" description of "What is GIS", Parts, Development, Applications, Funding. Jane said that Purdue developed this type of material and have focused their information at different professional applications, agriculture, local gov., planning, etc.. She offered that we could use these materials. It was also suggested that all materials we develop should be in the same format as the brochure (this is forthcoming). A draft of the brochure is to be sent to the EC by 10/11 to be discussed at the next meeting. (This deadline cannot be met. The draft brochure should be ready by our next meeting.)
8. It was suggested that INGISI compile and distribute a state-wide GIS data base on CD_ROM. Paul offered that the IGS is compiling much of this data for the I-69 study, and will investigate a state-wide application.
9. It was suggested that the next meeting be held someplace other than downtown. A tentative date for the next meeting was set for October 16 or 17, with place and time to be announced. Meeting was adjourned.

(Post meeting note: The next meeting will be at NRCS office off 71st Street, Indianapolis, October 16, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.)